# THE GOLDEN RULE OF LIFE.

Our very old earth for the most part is in a stat of barren deadness, and appears to us in the late fall as having passed thru a thousand winters. But at the touch of the warm spring sunshine the earth blossoms forth in all freshness and newness and becom becomes a budding mass of hope and promise in a newne of li e th t is thrilling. Like the earth our lives tend to grow barren and stale. The things we fought for yesterday, the ideals and phillsophies which once thrilled us are now buried deep under a callous indifference, with the result that life has very little meaning forus. Our very worship ceases to inpire.

"In vain we tune our formal songs,
~~In vain we raise our feeble tongues~~
In vain we strive to rise;
Hosannahs languish on our tongues
And our devotion dies."

We need to have our lives brot into closetouch with God so that the sunshine of His creative love can make all thongs new for us, causing our minds and hearts and wills to blossom with renewed interest and power.

He that sitteth on the throne of God saith, Behold I make all things new. Jesus Christ can touch the common place problems and barren wastes of our lives until they spring forth into newness of life. He makes God to shine upon us and we become vibrating pul pulsating growing life.

We all know ~~what~~ what uninteresting reading our laws and regulations make. The Mosaic Law had become stale and meaningless to the Jewish people in the time of Christ. In the Sermon on the Mount Christ takes these Mosaic dry bones and clothes them with flesh and blood and breathes into themthe breath of life. With the result that when he opened his mouth and taught them the multitudes fairly hung on his word

Let us for this morning take under consideration just one of the rules of life which the Master Teache sets forth: It is the Golden Rule, but like gold,

it remains a thing hidden and useless until we mine it forth and establish it as a standard of valuation for all all things.

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

Jesus, thru all his life, practiced this rule himself. As we treat others so Christ will treat us.

Judge not and ye shall not be judged, condemn not and ye shall not be condemned; forgive and ye shall be forgiven."

"For he shall have judgment wothout mercy that hath shown no mercy, and mercy rejoiceth against judgment."

"For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

The rule for us then is always to ask,"If I were in the other's place, how would I wish to be treated?"

In all our dealings and doings we are to take others into consideration.

I. FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS AS WELL AS OURSELVES.

1. The most precious things of life are our loves and friendships.

2. These should be given our first consideration always. Read "Bill Jones and I."

3. We should enlarge our good will to include strangers and enemies. If ye love them that love you what do ye more than others? Do not even the publicands the same? But I say unto you, love your enemies, do good to them that despitefully use you."

II. The practice of the Golden Rule alone can enforce the 18th Amendment. For the sake of others, especially for those who are weak and cannot resist, for the best interest of all our homes and communities, we should be more than willing to obey the law.

III. The Golden Rule alone can drive War from the earth. The present Eastern situation.

# BILL JONES AND I.

*By Denis A. McCarthy.*

Bill Jones and I are friends, although
We two to different churches go.

Inside Bill's church I've never been—
I've never wanted to go in.

And, though its windows brightly shine,
Bill never has been into mine.

We smile each Sunday as we meet
And pass each other on the street,

Nor ever once have stopped to fight
To try to prove which church was right.

For Bill and I are friends, although
We two to different churches go.

To us this matter is not odd;
We worship both the selfsame God;

And He, if I remember well,
Has never threatened us with hell

[illegible]

Christ might have chosen any man;
He turned to a Samaritan

To illustrate the truth that we
Are all God's human family.

So Bill and I are friends, although
We two to different churches go.

Bill's church is not the church for me,
Nor mine for him. But we agree

To recognize a settled fact.
We use good common sense and tact,

And just remember that we're friends;
And there for us the matter ends.

For I respect what Bill believes;
Whatever Bill as truth receives

Must have some pulling-power that's good.
And Bill, I understand, has stood

More times than once the same to say
About the church wherein I pray.

And Bill and I are friends, although
We two to different churches go!

*Arlington Heights, Mass.*